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NSCID No. 1 - BASIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Over-all Coordination: The Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) shall coordinate the foreign intelligence activities of the U.S.
2. The United States Intelligence Board (USIB)
  - a. To maintain the relationship necessary for a fully coordinated intelligence community, a USIB is hereby established under the firectives of the National Security Council (NSC) and under the chairmanship of the DCI.
  - b. The membership of the USIB shall consist of:
    - (1) The Director of Central Intelligence, Chairman.
    - (2) The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, Central Intelligence Agency.
    - (3) The Director of Intelligence and Research, Department of State.
    - (4) The Director, Defense Intelligence Agency.
    - (5) The Director, National Security Agency.
    - (6) A representative of the Atomic Energy Commission.
    - (7) A representative of the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(In addition, the Chiefs of the intelligence components of the Departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force sit with the USIB in the capacity of "service observers").

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c. The functions of the USIB:

- (1) To advise and assist the DCI as he may require in the discharge of his statutory responsibilities and pursuant to his role as over-all coordinator of U.S. foreign intelligence activities.
- (2) In all other matters, i.e., those not affecting the DCI's statutory responsibilities, to make decisions by agreement. When the DCI determines that a given position on a matter under consideration represents the consensus of the Board it shall be considered as agreed unless a dissenting member requests that the issue be referred to the NSC. Upon such a request, the DCI shall refer the matter to the NSC for decision, subject to prior review and possible resolution by the Secretary of Defense in the case of DIA or NSA appeals. In this context, the Board shall:
  - (a) Establish policies for the guidance of all concerned.
  - (b) Establish intelligence objectives, requirements, and priorities.
  - (c) Review and report to the NSC on the national foreign intelligence effort as a whole.
  - (d) Make recommendations on foreign intelligence matters to appropriate U.S. officials, particularly to the Secretary of Defense in matters pertaining to NSA.
  - (e) Develop and review security standards and practices as they relate to the protection of intelligence and intelligence sources.
  - (f) Formulate, as appropriate, policies with respect to intelligence arrangements with foreign governments.

3. National Security Council Intelligence Directives (NSCID's)  
and Director of Central Intelligence Directives (DCID's)

In making recommendations to the NSC as to the broad division of responsibilities, the DCI shall indicate concurrences or non-concurrences of those members of the Board concerned. Such recommendations when approved by the NSC shall be issued as NSCID's. The DCI shall act for the NSC to provide for detailed implementation of NSCID's by issuing, with the concurrence of the USIB, such supplementary DCID's as may be required.

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4. National Intelligence

The DCI shall produce national intelligence with the support of the USIB and disseminate it to the President, the NSC, the USIB, and others, as appropriate. Such intelligence shall indicate the concurrence of the Board or shall carry a statement of any substantially differing opinion by a member of the Board or of the Intelligence Chief of a Military Department.

5. Community Responsibilities

The DCI, in consultation with and supported by the USIB, shall:

- a. Ensure that the intelligence community is supported by the full knowledge and technical talent available to the Government.
- b. Ensure a continual review of the pertinence, extent, and quality of intelligence pertaining to the national security.
- c. Facilitate the coordinated development of compatible referencing systems. Central reference facilities shall be provided by the CIA and/or other agencies, as appropriate.
- d. Make arrangements with the departments for the assignment to, or exchange with, CIA of much experienced and qualified personnel as may be of advantage for advisory, operational, or other purposes.

NSCID No. 2 - COORDINATION OF COLLECTION ACTIVITIES

"To promote sound and efficient utilization of the several departmental and agency collecting and reporting facilities, in the interests of national security," the NSC established the following primary responsibilities for the overt collection of intelligence information abroad as services "of common concern" under the guidance of the DCI, in consultation with the USIB:

1. DEPARTMENT OF STATE: the overt collection of political, sociological, economic, scientific and technical intelligence information:

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2. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE: the collection of military intelligence information--including economic and scientific and technical intelligence information directly pertinent to Department of Defense missions.
3. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY: the collection of intelligence information in support of its assigned functions or collected as a by-product of its assigned functions, as services "of common concern"; CIA is specifically charged:
  - a. to collect foreign intelligence information from non-governmental organizations and individuals within the U.S.
  - b. to monitor foreign radio, television, and publications for the collection of intelligence information.

NSCID No. 3 - COORDINATION OF INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTION

"For the purpose of coordinating the intelligence production activities of the several Government departments and agencies in the interest of national security," the NSC:

1. Established Certain Categories of Intelligence:
  - a. "*Basic Intelligence* is that factual intelligence which results from the collection of encyclopedic information of a fundamental and more or less permanent nature and which, as a result of evaluation and interpretation, is determined to be the best available....."
  - b. "*Current Intelligence* is that intelligence of all types and forms of immediate interest which is usually disseminated without the delays incident to complete evaluation or interpretation....."
  - c. "*Departmental Intelligence* is that intelligence which any department or agency requires to execute its own mission....."
  - d. "*Interdepartmental Intelligence* is integrated departmental intelligence which is required by departments and agencies of the Government for the execution of their missions but transcends the competency of a single department or agency to produce....."

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- e. *"National Intelligence* is that intelligence which is required for the formulation of national security policy, concerns more than one department or agency and transcends the exclusive competence of a single department or agency....."
- 2. Allocated the Following Intelligence Production Responsibilities (under the overall guidance of the DCI, in consultation with the USIB):
  - a. DCI, supported by USIB:
    - (1) as described in NSCID No. 1, shall produce "national intelligence" (e.g., National Intelligence Estimates);
    - (2) shall coordinate the production and maintenance--including review, production, and dissemination--of the National Intelligence Surveys (NIS's), using the services of non-USIB, as well as USIB, agencies and departments;
    - (3) shall determine the primary production responsibilities re any new undesignated type of intelligence.
  - b. DEPARTMENT OF STATE: shall produce political and sociological intelligence on all foreign countries, but produce economic intelligence on foreign countries outside the Sino-Soviet Bloc.
  - c. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE: shall produce military intelligence--including economic, scientific and technical intelligence--directly pertinent to the Defense Department missions; [this production responsibility has been assumed in major part by the DIA, which has taken over most of the production assets of the individual service intelligence components.]
  - d. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY:
    - (1) shall produce current intelligence to meet the needs of the President and the NSC, as well as to meet the common needs of certain governmental agencies and departments;

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- (2) shall produce economic intelligence on the Sino-Soviet Bloc and scientific and technical intelligence on the whole world, both as "services of common concern";
- e. Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee (JAEIC): shall coordinate finished atomic energy intelligence with all USIB agencies and departments producing intelligence on atomic energy.

NSCID No. 4 - THE DEFECTOR PROGRAM

NSCID No. 4 lays out in detail the various responsibilities of CIA, FBI, and other agencies for carrying out the defector program (though this directive is not applicable to active theaters of war where U.S. forces are engaged). Important provisions of this NSCID are:

- 1. Defectors are defined as "nationals of the USSR or a country in the Sino-Soviet Bloc who have escaped from the control of any such country, or who, being outside such jurisdiction and control, are unwilling to return thereto, and who are of special value to the U.S. government....."

It is directed that "defectors should be encouraged and induced, employing both conventional and unconventional means, whenever the net effect on the U.S. political, diplomatic and security interests would not be adverse", though a caveat is made that prior to an inducement operation, considerations should be made of the "potential value to the United States of recruitment as opposed to defection."

- 2. Except for defection within the United States (which comes under the jurisdiction of the FBI), the DCI is authorized to "coordinate all defector activities," including liaison with foreign governments on defector matters and promotion of the full use of the resources and capabilities of other governmental departments and agencies.

NSCID No. 5 - U.S. ESPIONAGE AND COUNTERINTELLIGENCE  
ACTIVITIES ABROAD

Under the overall direction of the DCI, in consultation with the USIB:

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1. The CIA has primary responsibility for U.S. clandestine activities abroad--specifically:
  - a. the conduct of espionage abroad;
  - b. the conduct of counterintelligence abroad.
2. Other departments and agencies may conduct supplementary espionage and counterintelligence activities abroad for their own intelligence or security needs, provided that such activities be coordinated with CIA.

NSCID No. 6 - COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE AND ELECTRONICS  
INTELLIGENCE

In this directive the USIB is designated as the national policy body for SIGINT matters. Under the overall direction of the USIB, primary responsibility for implementing policy directives concerned with SIGINT--i.e., COMINT and ELINT--activities has been assigned to NSA. The responsibilities of CIA and of the Department of Defense in regard to SIGINT activities are also outlined.

NSCID No. 7 - CRITICAL INTELLIGENCE COMMUNICATIONS

To ensure that "the President and other members of the National Security Council may be provided with timely critical intelligence," the NSC:

1. Established "communications means for the most timely transmission of critical intelligence--particularly that related to early warning of Soviet attack."
2. Made the Secretary of Defense responsible for establishing, operating, and perfecting such communications facilities...as "to provide the most timely transmission of critical intelligence to higher authorities."
3. Directed the DCI, supported by the members of USIB:
  - a. to provide the Secretary of Defense "with continuing guidance as to the communications requirements...for the transmission of critical intelligence";

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- b. to define critical intelligence and establish uniform criteria for identifying, selecting, and designating priorities for the transmission of critical intelligence.

NSCID No. 8 - PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION

To ensure "the most effective, timely and economic exploitation of photography as a source for foreign intelligence relating to the national security", the NSC:

1. Established a National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC) under the DCI, in consultation with the USIB, to provide as "a service of common concern" for the intelligence community "a coordinated interdepartmental approach to the exploitation of photographic intelligence".
2. Directed NPIC, among other duties:
  - a. to produce and disseminate NPIC photographic interpretation reports--not finished intelligence--in support of the national intelligence effort;
  - b. to maintain on a selective basis a consolidated central file of photographic data as "a service of common concern".
3. Authorized NPIC to coordinate photographic intelligence activities within the intelligence community.
4. Provided that departments and agencies of the USIB should continue to be responsible for photographic interpretation and the production of photographic intelligence in support of their own departmental or agency missions.

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